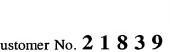
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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Enclosed for filing is the utility patent application of Markus WETLI for METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING FORKED ROOTS OF TURBINE BLADES.

- [] Applicant(s) hereby requests that the above-captioned application NOT BE PUBLISHED under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
- [$\sqrt{\ }$] Applicant(s) suggest(s) Figure $\underline{\ }$ 1 for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and patent.
- $[\sqrt{\ }]$ Applicant(s) requests that the published application include the following assignment information: WALTER AG, Tübingen, Germany.

Also	enclosed are:
[√]	Four sheet(s) of drawings;
[٧]	a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 is [/] hereby made to Patent Application Serial No. 102 45 197.4 filed in Germany on September 27, 2002;
	[v] in the declaration;
[]	a certified copy of the priority document;
[]	a General Authorization for Petitions for Extensions of Time and Payment of Fees;
[]	an Assignment document;
[1/]	an Information Disclosure Statement;
[]	a patent application data sheet; and
[]	Other:
[√]	An [] executed [✓] unexecuted declaration of the inventor(s)
	[v] also is enclosed [] will follow.
[]	Small entity status is hereby claimed.

declar	ration referencing this amendment is enclosed or will follow):
[]	This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 to _ filed in _ on _; the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference
[]	This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 to U.S. Provisional Application No entitled _ and filed on _, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference

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This application is a continuation of International Application No	filed on _,
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[v] The filing fee has been calculated as follows [] and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

CLAIMS					
	No. Of CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee					\$750.00 (1001)
Total Claims	21	MINUS 20 =	1	× \$18.00 (1202) =	18.00
Independent Claims	3	MINUS 3 =		× \$84.00 (1201) =	
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$280.00 (1203)					
Total Application Fee					768.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					
Add Assignment Recording Fee \$40.00 (8021) if Assignment document is enclosed				***	
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE				768.00	

[]	This application is being filed without a filing fee.	Issuance of a Notice to File Missing
	Parts of Application is respectfully requested.	

- [\checkmark] A check in the amount of \$ $\underline{768.00}$ is enclosed for the fee due.
- [] Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
- [X] The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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